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South Dakota MILK PRODUCTION

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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2003 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIOUX FALLS, January 16, 2004 - - The October - December quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 347 million pounds, 3 percent above the fourth quarter one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is 4 percent below the July - September quarter in 2003, which follows the seasonal pattern.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 87,000 head, was down 8,000 head from the fourth quarter of 2002 and down 2,000 head from 2003's July - September quarter.

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